

January 21, 2009

2009 Legislative Deadlines¹

Date	Legislative Day	
December 1-3, 2008 (Mon.-Wed.)		Organizational session ²
December 4 (Thurs.)		Deadline for executive agencies and Supreme Court to file bills with the Legislative Council
January 6 (Tues.)	1 st	Session begins ²
January 12 (Mon.)	5 th	No more than five bills may be introduced by each representative after this date
January 19 (Mon.)	10 th	Martin Luther King Day. ³ Deadline for representatives to introduce bills. No more than three bills may be introduced by each senator after this date.
January 26 (Mon.)	15 th	Deadline for senators to introduce bills
January 29 (Thurs.)	18 th	Deadline for introducing resolutions except amendments to the Constitution of North Dakota and study resolutions
February 5 (Thurs.)	23 rd	Deadline for rereferrals of bills in house of origin to Appropriations Committees
February 16 (Mon.)		George Washington's Birthday ³
February 17 (Tues.)	31 st	Bills and resolutions except constitutional amendments and study resolutions must be reported out of committee in house of origin. Deadline for introducing amendments to the Constitution of North Dakota and study resolutions.
February 20 (Fri.)	34 th	Crossover date for bills
February 23-24 (Mon.-Tues.)		Recess
February 27 (Fri.)	37 th	Study resolutions and proposed constitutional amendments must be reported out of committee
March 4 (Wed.)	40 th	Crossover date for resolutions
March 13 (Fri.)	47 th	Deadline for rereferrals of bills in second house to Appropriations Committees
March 25 (Wed.)	55 th	Bills and resolutions must be reported out of committee in second house
April 10 (Fri.)	67 th	Good Friday ³
April 27 (Mon.)	78 th	The 2007 Legislative Assembly adjourned on the 78 th legislative day (Wednesday, April 25, 2007)
April 29 (Wed.)	80 th	Session limited to 80 legislative days ⁴

¹Based on rules of the 60th Legislative Assembly adopted on December 6, 2006; and on rules amendments approved by the interim Legislative Management Committee.

²Article IV, Section 7, Constitution of North Dakota. North Dakota Century Code Sections 54-03-02 and 54-03.1-02.

³In 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, and 2007 the House and Senate were in session on Martin Luther King Day and on Good Friday. In 1999, 2001, and 2003 the House and Senate were in session on George Washington's Birthday.

⁴Article IV, Section 7, of the Constitution of North Dakota limits regular sessions to 80 natural days during a biennium and defines a "natural day" as a period of 24 consecutive hours. House and Senate Rules 104 provide that a legislative day begins at 7:00 a.m., so each legislative day ends at 7:00 a.m. the following day.